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For	: METHOD OF PREPARING (S)- OR (R)-3, 3, 3-TRIFLUORO-2-HYDROXY-2-METHYLPROPRIONIC ACID		

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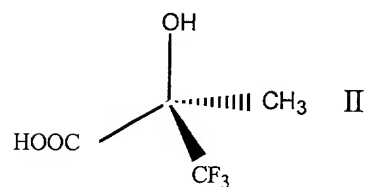
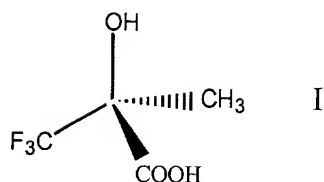
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments into the file history of the above identified application.

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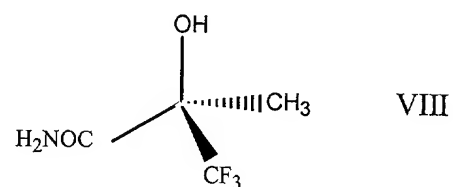
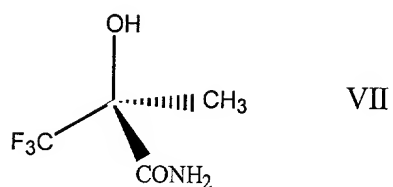
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Please add the following new claims:

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and/or of (R) - or (S) -3, 3, 3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionamide of the formula



comprising the conversion of propionamide of the formula



into the compounds of the formulae I, II, VII or VIII using a polypeptide having amidohydrolase activity capable of hydrolysing (R)-3, 3, 3-tri fluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionamide of the formula



25. (New) The process of claim 22 utilizing the polypeptide of claim 5.-

REMARKS

Claims 4-14 and 24-25 are pending. Entry of the foregoing amendments into the file history of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Appendix I is submitted herewith, indicating the amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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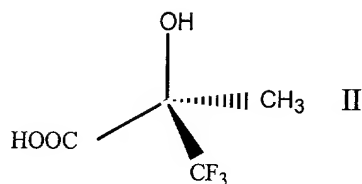
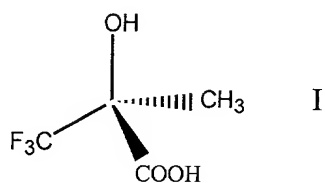
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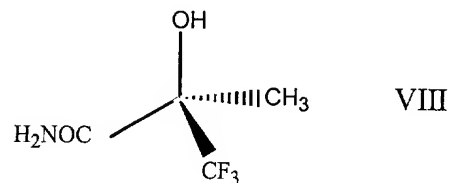
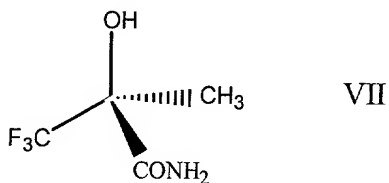
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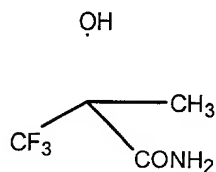
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